

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
about the
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program run by the State of Illinois
and
The EV Project run by ECotality

Question: *What are the main similarities between the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program run by the State of Illinois and The EV Project run by ECotality?*

Answer: Both the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program run by the State of Illinois (“Illinois Rebate Program”) and The EV Project run by ECotality are offered to encourage consumers to install charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) by lowering installation costs. The two programs share a common goal of helping to establish a network of charging stations that supports EV drivers and the growth of the EV industry locally, regionally, and nationally.

Question: *What are the main differences between the Illinois Rebate Program and The EV Project?*

Answer: The Illinois Rebate Program covers 50% of the cost of purchasing and installing an eligible Level 2 (240V) EV charging station up to a maximum of \$3,000 for a non-networked station or \$3,750 for a networked station. Eligible applicants include units of government, businesses, educational institutions, non-profits, and individual residents. The installation must be located within Illinois.

The EV Project provides a free Blink Level 2 (240V) EV charging station to a commercial or workplace host with a \$1,000 credit toward installation, or to a vehicle owner (an individual that owns a Chevy Volt or Nissan Leaf) with a \$400 credit toward installation. Each participant that signs up for The EV Project receives a networked Blink charging station that is a part of a larger data and infrastructure study. This data is then analyzed to understand charging behaviors and trends in early EV adopters across the nation. In Illinois, The EV Project installations must be located within 50 miles of downtown Chicago.

Additional technical and program eligibility requirements apply to both programs. For full details, please refer to program information available online at www.IllinoisEnergy.org/EV for the Illinois Rebate and www.TheEVProject.com for The EV Project.

Question: *Can I combine the incentives from the Illinois Rebate Program and The EV Project?*

Answer: No, incentives from the two programs cannot be combined, i.e., The EV Project participants cannot apply for an Illinois Rebate to cover 50% of the installation costs beyond the installation credit that they receive from The EV project. Stations that are installed through The EV Project are funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). ARRA-funded stations are not eligible for the Illinois Rebate Program.

Question: *Which incentive is better for me, the Illinois Rebate of 50% or the free charging station plus installation credit from The EV Project?*

Answer: It depends on several factors including the installation costs (labor and materials) for your specific project site, your interest in being a part of The EV Project’s national research component, and your preferences among different brands and features of charging stations. If overall cost is your primary deciding factor, you can price charging station models and request a quote for station installation from an electrician, then compare your net project cost with the Illinois Rebate Program versus The EV Project.